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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: GUAM: PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOTE

REF: A) PORT MORESBY 1316, B) PORT MRESBY 1268,

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1. ON DECEMBER 2, BOTH PNG DELOFF PAYPOOL AND MISOFF OAISA SOUGHT OUT US MISOFFS TO EXPLAIN PNG SUPPORT OF THE GUAM RESOLUTION. PAYPOOL SAID PNG VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF PNG'S GENERAL SUPPORT FOR DE-COLONIZATION IN THE PACIFIC AREA. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT VOTE SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS ANTI-US. PAYPOOL SAID THAT THE PNG MISSION HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS -- AFTER THE VOTE HAD TAKEN PLACE -- TO VOTE IN FAVOR BUT TO EXPLAIN THAT PNG WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST THE TWO PARAGRAPHS DEALING WITH MILITARY BASES, IF THEY HAD COME UP FOR A SEPARATE VOTE. PAYPOOL AND OAISA WERE APOLOGETIC AND APPEARED CHAGRINED. BOTH SAID THAT PNG PERM REP MATANE, NOW IN MEXICO, WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH GOVERNOR SCRANTON, UPON MATANE'S RETURN TO NEW YORK.

2. MISOFFS EXPRESSED US DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE PNG VOTE AND THE HOPE THAT CONTINUING CLOSE CONSULTATIONS
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WOULD LEAD TO A BETTER RESULT NEXT YEAR.

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